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BURGLAR FURIOUSLY BEATS WATCHMAN; FLEES MINUS LOOT

Caught in the Act of Robbing Fashionable Mill Hill Residence, Prowler Hides Beneath Table, Then Furiously Attacks Caretaker Who Uncovers His Hiding Place.

Fighting desperately in the dining room of the home of Norman S. Leeds, treasurer and general manager of the Automobile Machine Co., at 1596 Boston avenue, about 4 o'clock this morning, Harrison Fuller, caretaker of the Leeds home during the owner's absence, was struck over the head with a black-jack and was cut on the neck by a burglar, discovered as he was about to get away with the family silver. He escaped but left the booty behind.

Fuller and his wife, housekeeper for the Leeds family were sleeping in an upper bedroom when about 4 o'clock Mrs. Fuller was awakened by a sound in the dining room upon the first floor. The house is the only one upon the black situated between Mill Hill and Ridgefield avenues and at first thought, Mrs. Fuller believed that it might be a noise made by some of the Arms company workers going to or from the factory, as she had no idea of the time.

But listening attentively, she again heard the sound, and positive that it emanated from the dining room she awakened her husband. He crept cautiously down the stairs and without making any noise entered the dining room. Turning on the electric switch, he flooded the room with light but could see no one about.

Then he bent over to look under the table and as he did so he was struck a terrific blow on the head with some blunt instrument. Though dazed by the force of the blow, Fuller lunged for the intruder and locked arms with him. They were fighting

fiercely for several minutes when the burglar whipped a knife from his clothes and attempted to slash Fuller across the neck.

Fuller warded off the blow and though he was cut-managed to get the knife from the other's grasp. The pair then sought to overpower each other but in some manner, the burglar managed to wrench himself free and disappeared through another room. He escaped through a window which he had left open in the rear of the house.

While her husband was combatting the burglar Mrs. Fuller summoned the police but when they arrived, he had made his getaway and though the neighborhood was searched, could not be located. The silver, all solid ware, had been packed and wrapped up but the burglar in his haste to escape apprehension left the booty. Mr. and Mrs. Leeds are on an automobile tour and their present location was unknown to business associates, who were questioned today. Nothing was reported as missing from the house as the silverware was all that had been disturbed.

MERCHANT, HIS SKULL BROKEN, FOUND IN STORE

Mysterious Attack Upon Pool Room Keeper Puzzles Police Department.

With no apparent motive, though the police believe that the assault was the outcome of some grudge, a stranger struck Alexander Kazantzis, of 86 Lafayette street upon the head with a hammer about 11 o'clock today fracturing Kazantzis' skull as he was sweeping up his pool and billiard rooms at 1315 Main street. No one else was in the parker at the time. The assailant escaped. Kazantzis is expected to recover.

While Kazantzis was being taken to St. Vincent's hospital in the ambulance from the emergency hospital, the ambulance was struck by a trolley car on Fairfield avenue in front of the police and charities building. No one was injured but the rear end of the ambulance was damaged and the fender of the trolley bent.

According to the story told by Kazantzis to the police when he recovered consciousness, he was sweeping up the billiard parlors which he conducts on the second floor of the Main street address when a stranger walked in and after looking over the place, asked, "What are you sweeping this place up by yourself?" Kazantzis dodged in the affirmative and continued with his work.

With no warning, the stranger picked up a hammer from a table while Kazantzis' back was turned and felled him. The stranger evidently satisfied with his work then left the building, for when Policeman Allan Anderson investigated, nothing of value had been taken. The policeman was patrolling his beat on Main street when called into the pool room by a couple of young men who had gone into the billiard room and found Kazantzis on the floor.

The emergency hospital ambulance corps was summoned. Examination disclosed that the skull was probably fractured and Kazantzis was placed in the ambulance for conveyance to St. Vincent's hospital.

As the ambulance driven by Driver Aubrey Burison and containing the patient and Dr. J. F. Canavan was leaving the driveway from the police building, it was struck by an Ash Creek trolley car in charge of Motor-man P. Ward of 323 Connecticut avenue, and Conductor F. M. Johnson of 262 East Main street. The horn on the ambulance had been sounded as a warning but the trolley did not stop. The ambulance had all but crossed the tracks when struck and the left rear mudguard and rear light were broken. Witnesses blamed the trolley crew for failure to obey the warning signal.

Kazantzis, when he recovered consciousness, was able to give a complete description of the man who struck him but claimed that he was a total stranger. The police are inclined to believe that the assault was the culmination of some old trouble which Kazantzis refuses to disclose.

BRITISH AEROS IN RAID.
London, Sept. 7.—A raid by British aeroplanes on Turkish positions at El Arish, in the Sinai Peninsula, 90 miles east of the Suez Canal, is reported in an official statement given out here today.

TUNGSTEN MINE IN LONG HILL IN NEW LITIGATION

Suit For \$65,000 Grows Out of Dispute Over \$50,000 Insurance.

The Long Hill Quarries Co., which has already figured in several lawsuits, has been named as co-defendant in a \$65,000 suit brought by the Tungsten Co. of America which was operating the valuable tungsten mines in Long Hill. Papers in the action were filed this morning in the superior court.

It is alleged that May 28, 1915, Frederick C. Beach of Stratford, one of the defendants, leased the property to the Quarries Co. On Jan. 11 last, the company assigned the lease to Burdette T. Lyon and Melville E. Gray. These two conveyed their interest to the American Electrical Equipment Co. of New York and this concern assigned the lease to the Tungsten Co.

The complaint states that the Tungsten Co. occupied the premises and that Beach had knowledge of this because he received \$100 a month rent. On May 20 last there was a fire on the property which caused great damage. It is claimed there was \$50,000 insurance on the property and according to the agreement Beach should have applied this money to pay for repairs. He has refused to do this. The Tungsten Co. has been unable to operate the plant and is sustaining a loss of \$5,000 a month. The action is returnable to the September term of court.

SENATE STRIKES OUT MEASURES OF RETALIATION

Washington, Sept. 7.—Congress on the emergency revenue bill today struck out the Phelan amendment to empower the President to retaliate against citizens of belligerent nations which interfere with United States mails. The argument which prevailed in the conference was that it might work great hardships to Americans in foreign countries by counter retaliation.

The conference also abandoned the Chamberlain amendment to prohibit admission of Pacific Ocean salmon or halibut through a foreign country except in bond from an American port. This, it was decided, might develop a commercial war with Canada and bring about retaliation against American Atlantic coast fisheries.

DELEGATE TICKETS MUST BE PUBLISHED

The names of candidates on the delegate tickets to be voted for at the Democratic primaries for the City of Bridgeport, Sept. 14, must be published in The Farmer of tomorrow.

THE WEATHER.
Probably showers tonight and Friday; warmer in the interior tonight; moderate variable winds.

RUMANIANS LOSE FORCE OF 20,000

Town of Halicz is in Flames, Following Terrific Bombardment—Czar's Forces Take 5,600 Prisoners in Day's Fighting.

Germans Lose Mile of First Line Trenches on Verdun Front, is Claim in Paris—Rumanians Evacuate Fortified Town.

Berlin, Sept. 7.—More than 20,000 Rumanians were taken prisoner when Bulgarians and German troops captured the Rumanian fortress of Turtukai, says the official statement issued today by the German army headquarters.

The statement says that more than one hundred guns were taken.

Russians Take 5,600

Petrograd, Sept. 7.—The Russians are bombarding the Galician town of Halicz, about 60 miles southeast of Lemberg, says the Russian official report issued today. The town is in flames.

The Russian statement adds that Russian troops have occupied the railway lines between Halicz and Semikovitze and Wodniki.

In the fighting in eastern Galicia yesterday, the announcement says, the Russians took 5,600 more prisoners.

Teutons Are Getting Big Reinforcements

Bucharest, Sept. 7.—Rumanian troops have occupied Gyergyó-Díró-Ordova Pass, on the north and northwest frontier of Rumania, says the official statement issued by the Rumanian war department today. Seven guns, a number of machine guns and important food stores were captured from the Austro-Hungarians.

German and Bulgarian forces, having received numerous reinforcements, continue to attack with great violence the Rumanian fortress of Turtukai. The garrison of the fortress is ceaselessly counter-attacking, the Rumanian statement adds, and the losses on each side are said to have been very serious.

Paris, Sept. 7.—The French have captured the German first line trenches over a front of five miles on the Verdun front, the war office announced today.

The breach in the German line was effected on the front northeast of Verdun, between the Vaux-Chapelle region and the town of Chenoy. They took 250 prisoners.

The French statement adds that a powerful effort made by German troops to dislodge the French from Hospital Farm, on the Somme front, was without success and that the Germans were dispersed with heavy losses.

Rumanians Abandon Big Fortified Town

Petrograd, Sept. 7.—Turtukai, a fortified Rumanian town on the Danube, about 50 miles southeast of Bucharest, has been evacuated by the Rumanians, according to the Russian official statement issued today.

GERMANS ARE REPULSED.

London, Sept. 7.—A German attempt to regain possession of Leuze Wood, on the Somme front, last night, led to hand-to-hand fighting with the British. The war office announced today that the Germans were beaten back.

NORWEGIAN SHIP SUNK.

Rotterdam, Sept. 7.—The small Norwegian steamship Rilda has been sunk. The crew was saved. The Rilda was of 310 tons gross and was built at Preston in 1883.

FORD DEMANDS HALF MILLION IN LIBEL SUIT

Detroit, Sept. 7.—It was announced here today that Alfred Lucking, personal attorney for Henry Ford, the manufacturer in Chicago, to file suit for \$500,000 in Mr. Ford's name against the Chicago Tribune. Mr. Ford asks personal damages as compensation for an editorial article printed in the Tribune which it is charged, called Ford an "anarchist."

Chicago, Sept. 7.—Suit for \$500,000 was filed by Henry Ford, the Detroit manufacturer, against the Chicago Tribune, in the United States district court here today. Mr. Ford asks for personal damages as compensation for an editorial printed in the Tribune June 23, which it is charged called Ford an "anarchist."

SURFACE LINES HARD HIT IN N. Y. STRIKE

15,000 GUARDSMEN ARE ORDERED MUSTERED OUT; YALE BATTERY RETURNS

Washington, Sept. 7.—The 15,000 guardsmen returned from the border by the recent order of the war department were today ordered mustered out of the federal service. The guardsmen remaining on the border stay there for the present.

The war department official announcement was made in the following statement:

"The secretary of war directs that all the organizations of the national guard in the federal service recently ordered from the border to their respective mobilization camps, be mustered out of the federal service as soon as practicable and returned to the normal status of national guard troops, except in the case of the 14th, New York regiment which is to be held in service at its mobilization camp pending the prevalence in that regiment of para-typhoid."

"As soon as it can be safely done, this regiment also will be mustered out. Similar precautions should be taken with any other organization returning from the border suffering from any infection or which is under suspicion of being infected."

The troops affected are three regiments from New York, two from New Jersey, one from Maryland, two from Illinois, two from Missouri, one from California, one from Oregon, one from Washington and one from Louisiana.

AMALGAMATION OF BIG SLOVAK BODIES PLANNED

First Catholic Slovak Union and Catholic Sokols Numbering 71,000 Affected.

The First Catholic Slovak Union, in convention today formally decided upon the removal of their offices from Middletown, Penn., to Cleveland, O. This step was taken as the result of a desire to more closely conform to the State of Ohio, and with the consolidation today of the offices of Recording and Financial secretaries a committee was appointed to confer with the insurance and banking commissions of Ohio looking towards revision of the by-laws of the union, according to the Ohio laws.

Another step taken by the union was the recognition of overtures made by the Catholic Sokols of America toward amalgamation of the "Turners" or gymnastic societies of the Sokols and the Union, two big organizations extending throughout the country.

The first intimation of the plans on foot which will affect some 11,000 members of the Catholic Sokols throughout the United States and 60,000 members of the Slovak union came when Supreme Commander Joseph Matsosky, of Bridgeport, Financial Secretary Adam Andrasick of Bridgeport and Rev. Gaspard Panik, spiritual adviser of the Catholic Sokols, recommended amalgamation for added strength among the Slovaks in the United States.

Today's session the matter was deliberated with the result that it was proposed that the treasures of either organization should not forfeit present rights and that members of both organizations should retain their present death benefits in each. If ratified by the Catholic Sokols at their next national convention, the committee will be appointed from the national officers of each organization to perfect minor details of the amalgamation.

In St. John's Roman Catholic Church today a requiem mass was sung for the repose of the souls of Rev. Matthew Jankola, formerly pastor of St. Cyril and Methodius church here, and Rev. Stephen Furdek, of Cleveland, O., both deceased chaplains of the Slovak union.

Discussion of proposed changes in the by-laws occupied the afternoon session today.

Mexican Mediators Are Forming Plans

New London, Conn., Sept. 7.—The American members of the American joint commission to discuss international relations, met here today and studied data relative to border conditions in preparation for the resumption tomorrow of formal sessions of the full commission.

The Mexican delegates who remained here did similar work. Luis Cabrera, head of the Mexican party, went to Boston to attend to personal business.

PINED \$50 FOR ASSAULT.

Joseph Smoko of 1082 Pembroke street was fined \$50 in the city court today for assaulting Steven Pavlick of 85 Caroline street Monday night in an East Side saloon. He struck Pavlick across the face with a pool cue, breaking his nose and blackening his eyes.

Only Thirty Per cent. of "Green Line" Cars Are in Operation on First Day of Big Tie-Up—Subway and Elevated Trains Maintain Almost Normal Schedules—Frequent Outbreaks of Minor Character Keep Police Busy—Union Officials Say 9,000 Men Have Quit, While Traction Companies Declare That Not More Than 2,000 Are Out.

New York, Sept. 7.—The city today was not seriously affected by the strike which began late last night on the subway, elevated lines and several of the surface lines of the Interborough Rapid Transit system.

Trains in the subway and on the "L" moved almost normally and the crowds going to work during the rush hours of the morning suffered little inconvenience.

Surface line traffic on the "Green car" system, operated by the New York Railways company, was not so good, only about 30 per cent of the usual number of cars running.

Union leaders who demand abrogation by the company of the so-called "Master and servant" contracts binding the employees not to ask for wage increases for two years, claimed that 9,000 men had walked out, including 4,000 on the subway and elevated systems. Traction officials, however, asserted that not more than 2,000 men had quit work and that their places had been filled.

Throughout the districts affected little disorder was reported. In Harlem and on the east side there were a few minor disturbances.

In other sections a number of elevated trains were assailed with bricks by unidentified persons on roof tops.

No one was seriously injured. The police department assigned four thousand patrolmen to the task of guarding property and passengers on cars and at stations.

Traction officials, admitting that "the gravity of the situation is such that any moment a crisis may arise," were today providing stocks of food for strikebreakers, many of whom have come from other cities where they had gathered in anticipation of a nation-wide railroad strike.

E. T. Bedford Greens Farms Home Robbed

Porchclimbers Busy While Family Dines in Mansion on Sound—Loss Estimated in Vicinity of \$1,000, All in Jewelry.

The handsome summer home of E. T. Bedford, millionaire banker was robbed in a mysterious manner last night.

Though Bridgeport city and private detectives have been called into the case they claimed at 2 o'clock this afternoon to be baffled by the situation.

As far as can be learned, the robbery which occurred in upper bedrooms of the great mansion, was perpetrated probably about 7 o'clock when the Bedford family were seated at dinner.

The loss is a considerable quantity of jewelry, variously estimated at from \$500 to \$2,000, filched from private receptacles in the room. No indication of the manner of entrance have been found.

The property which is surrounded by spacious lawns and beautiful gardens on the shore road at Greens Farms is particularly protected against the encroachment of thieves and it is wondered how entrance could be effected over a porch, as is surmised today, without the thieves being seen.

Among the jewelry taken is a watch valued at about \$500 and other jewelry, a list of which has not yet been furnished the police.

Laufer & Boland Appeal Judgment

To settle a dispute regarding the amount due for the purchase of stoves and furnaces an appeal has been taken to the common pleas court by Laufer & Boland of this city, who were sued by the Thatcher Furnace Co. of Newark, N. J. It was alleged that the local plumbers owed \$200. This suit was tried in the civil side of the city court where the Thatcher Co. was awarded \$216.05 damages and costs amounting to \$50.73. From this decision Laufer & Boland appealed.

AGED WOMAN WANDERS.

Wandering from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mattie Bright at 824 State street, Mrs. Lottie Silsbe, 76 years old, was found in a vacant lot at 1665 North avenue, today. She could not tell where she lived and had been taken to Hillside home when her daughter called at police headquarters in search of her.

Queen Victoria of Sweden is ill and confined to her bed.

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